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TREATMENT OF HIV/AIDS

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

Applicant has carefully considered the Office Action mailed February 25, 2003, in connection with the above-captioned patent application. Applicant kindly requests reconsideration of the claims in light of the remarks that follow. Filed herewith are: (1) a Fee Transmittal sheet; and (2) a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR § 1.136 extending the period for responding by three months, May 25, 2003, to and including August 25, 2003.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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